TO MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN ; Sir, there may be many reasons, but, one reason in that it is being locally consumed.

MR. K. NARAYANAPRUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the export duty on jaggery is the primary cause ?

MR P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Sir, that cannot be, because, in 1938 the Tariff value (for duty) was reduced from Rs. 12½ to Rs. 10 per Cwt.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether it is a fact that the Alleppey Chamber of Commerce recommended the abolition of this export duty ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Sir, I am not aware of any such recommendation.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether these palmyra trees were felled in large numbers during the last five years ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The Excise department has no record of the number of trees felled.

Tariff value of palmyra jaggery.

13. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present tariff value of palmyra jaggery for purposes of export ; and

(*b*) whether any alteration was made in the tariff value of jaggery in 1938 or 1939 ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) The Present tariff value of palmyra jaggery for purposes of export is Bh. Rs. 10 per Cwt.

(*b*) Yes.

The tariff value of jaggery for purposes of export duty was reduced from Bh. Rs. 12-8-0 per Cwt. to Bh. Rs. 10-0-0 per Cwt., with effect from 6th December 1938. There was no change during 1939.

Trade statistics of Travancore for 1114 M. E.

14. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state why the value of merchandise such as jaggery or palmyra jaggery exported from Travancore or imported into Travancore during 1114 M. E., is not given in the first issue of Trade Statistics of Travancore for 1114 M. E. (1938-1939 A. D.) ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The quantity and value of jaggery imported into and exported from Travancore during 1114 are published on pages 17, 51, 73, 230 and 320 of the Trade Statistics of Travancore for 1114.

Chief Inspector of the State Transport Department.

15. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any one has been appointed as Chief Inspector (C. T. I.) in the Travancore State Transport Department ;

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(*b*) if so, the name of that person;

(*c*) his present pay;

(*d*) the history of his service up to this date (8-3-1116) covering his appointment and promotion;

(*e*) his examination qualifications and other qualifications;

(*f*) if he has been given any promotion, the special reason or reasons for it;

(*g*) whether he is related to any of those who were serving as Secretaries to the Director of Transport; and

(*h*) whether, according to his recommendation, the Director of Transport has disbanded from service several drivers and conductors?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) N. Bhaskaran Nair.

(*c*) Rs. 85 per mensem.

(*d*) Inspector on Rs. 40-2-50 from 3-7-1113; District Inspector on Rs. 50-5-70 from 22-8-1113; and Chief Traffic Inspector on Rs. 75-5-100 from 22-2-1114.

(*e*) B. A.

(*f*) Yes. Merit and efficiency.

(*g*) It is understood that he is related to the former Secretary.

(*h*) No.

Mr. V. S. Gopala Pillai, Tahsildar of Chirayinkil.

16. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. V. S. Gopala Pillai, the Tahsildar Chirayinkil, was recently dismissedfrom service?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether he is still in service?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir. He is on leave.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether it is a fact that he was asked to take leave?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Why?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There were certain charges against him.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: മി. ഗോപാലപിള്ളയുടെ പേരിലുള്ള ചാർജുകളെപ്പറ്റി സി. ഐ. ഡി. ക്കാർ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി റിപ്പോർട്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ആ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്റെ സ്വഭാവം എന്താണെന്ന് പറയുവാൻ മടിയുണ്ടാകുമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: അത് ഇപ്പോൾ പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

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